

Harbor Advisory Committee
Community House
8/31/16 – 7pm
-Minutes-

Present: Skip Montello (Chairperson), Chris Murch (Vice-Chairperson), Kevin Carrigan, Steve Fritch, Larry Stepenuck,

Absent: Fred Hillier, Dana Jorgensson, Phil Crotty

Also present: Harbormasters Rosemary Lesch and Scott Story

MOTION: Mr. Fritch moved to approve the minutes of June 2016, Mr. Murch seconded. Vote was 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Mr. Montello remarked on the amount of duck poop on White Wharf. He wondered if the State could be called in to trap them, and help move them out. He commented that you can't even walk down the dock. He questioned if the HAC could do anything. Ms. Lesch said she would do some research regarding this. It was agreed that it is the worst it has ever been, and could be a health hazard. Mr. Montello said he would check with the State for guidance.

Mr. Montello commented on a Coast Guard article he sent out to Committee members concerning the increase in “on the water” deaths to paddle boarders and kayakers due to lax regulations. He feels it is time, as an advisory board, to come up with a list of suggestions to present to the Board of Selectmen. He asked each committee member to send him their suggestions on harbor safety concerning paddle boards and kayaks.

Lobstermen Steve Ragusa and Craig Hillier attended the meeting to ask the Committee for advice in getting a trap storage spot on Granite Pier. Mr. Stepenuck volunteered to draft a letter to the Granite Pier Committee and the Board of Selectmen regarding the oversight of trap storage.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.

Submitted by:
Lynn Murphy
Recording Secretary

